Middle School Examination, which will henceforth take the place of the General Test, will be held on the 1st December and four following days, at the following places :—

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| Burhampore, | Cumbum, | Palghat, | Trevandrum, |
| Chicacole, | Cuddapah, | Kumbakonam, | Cochin (Ernakulam), |
| Vizagapatam, | Bellary, | Nagapatam, | Calicut, |
| Vizianagrum, | Nellore, | Tranquebar, | Tellicherry, |
| Rajahmundry, | Chittúr, | Tanjore, | Mangalore, |
| Cocanada, | Vellore, | Trichinopoly, | Bangalore, |
| Ellore. | Madras, | Madura, | Ootacamund, |
| Masulipatam, | Cuddalore, | Ramnad, | Secunderabad, |
| Guntúr, | Salem, | Palamcottah, | Mysore and Shimoga. |
| Kurnool, | Coimbatore, | Nagercoil, | |

2. Candidates must send in their applications on printed forms, which may be obtained from all Tahsildars and Treasury Deputy Collectors. The forms of application must reach the Collectors of the Districts in which Candidates desire to be examined on or before the 15th September next. Under no circumstances will applications received after that date be accepted.

Note.—For Trevandrum *and* Cochin *the applications should be sent to the* Resident of Travancore ; *for* Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga *to the* Director of Public Instruction, Bangalore, *and for* Secunderabad, *to the* Executive Commissariat Officer, Secunderabad.

3. The fee will be Rs. 3 in the case of pupils in schools, *i. e.*, those who are actually borne on the rolls of a school as pupils of the Upper Fourth Class or class of similar standard at the time of making the application for admission to the examination, and whose names have been on the rolls for a period of not less than three months preceding the date of application, and who certify to their intention to remain in the school until the end of the calendar year. In the case of all other persons, the fee will be Rs. 7. In both cases the fee should be paid into the Bank of Madras, or local Government Treasuries and the Treasury receipts forwarded with the applications to this Office through the Collector of the District. The fee will not be returned under any circumstances. A pupil in a school must forward a certificate from the Head Master of the school in which he or she is studying, in form appended to the application, and must also sign the declaration entered thereunder.

4. (*a*) Candidates who obtain a 2nd-Class Certificate at the Middle School Examination will be at liberty to appear again at a subsequent examination with the view of obtaining a 1st-Class Certificate.

(*b*) Candidates who obtain a 1st-Class Certificate but pass in one language only, will be permitted to appear at a subsequent examination in another language with the view of obtaining a *perfect* Certificate under Rule 22 of the Grant in-aid Code, as Fourth-grade Schoolmasters or 2nd Grade Schoolmistresses.

5. Matriculates who have hitherto had to pass the test in Writing and Spelling will, for the future, be examined in Writing *only* for employment in the Public Service, and the examination in this subject will be held at the same time as the Middle School Examination. Those who wish to be examined in December next will be supplied with a special form of application through the Collectors on payment of the usual fee of Rupees 2.

6. The examination for officials in the service of Government prior to 1st June 1867, for whom a modification of the examination was sanctioned by Government, as notified under date the 26th July 1876, will be held at the same time as the Middle School Examination. In this case candidates should apply to the undersigned direct on a special form which will be supplied on application to this Office. The fee for this test will, as heretofore, be Rs. 3, which should be remitted by a Money Order.

No candidate will be admitted to the above examinations at any other place than that named in his application, and no candidate will be allowed to name more than one place. To prevent mistakes candidates should submit their applications direct to the Collectors of the Districts in which the stations at which they desire to be examined are situated.

This Notification supersedes that issued on the 23rd instant.

By Order,

B. LOVERY,
*Acting Secretary.*